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[redacted] INTERPRETS PURPOSE ISRAELI FRANKNESS IN CONVEYING UNUSUAL WARNING RE POSSIBILITY MILITARY ACTION TO US FRENCH AND UK GOVTS ALONG LINES LONDON 3945.

QUAI NOT CONVINCED ISRAELIS HAVE YET SETTLED ON GIVEN COURSE OF ACTION FOR RANGE FORESEEABLE EVENTUALITIES WITH RESPECT ARAB DIVERSION WORKS; QUAI DETECTS SIGNS CONTINUING DIVERGENCE VIEWS CFN 4757 833 71 23 40 89 22 12 1487 US UK 3945

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WITHIN GOI ON FORM AND TIMING SUITABLE ISRAELI REJOINDERS AND THEREFORE TENDS FEEL TOUGH TALK AT LEAST IN PART DESIGNED MASK GOI INDECISION. EVIDENT ISRAELIS ALSO EXPECT WESTERN GOVTS WARN ARABS DEPTH GOI CONCERN AND DANGERS INHERENT ANY MISHANDLING SENSITIVE WATERS ISSUE.

QUAIOFF TOLD US SIXTEENTH FRENCH NOT RPT NOT "MEDIATING" BUT HAD COUNSELED RESTRAINT ON ALL PARTIES WITHOUT LEAVING PLANE BROAD PRINCIPLES IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM.

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